

City of Lawton Proclamation

Whereas, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging. Undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment and personal injury and even death are the potential results; and

Whereas, Oklahoma's One Call and its 1300 members promote the national Call-Before-You-Dig number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages. Damage to any underground utility could result in service outages or worse, even injury or death. Designated by the FCC in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

Whereas, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and finally, digging with care around the marks; and

Whereas, utilities and telecom services are more important to us now more than ever before and parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility. Because more people work from home, there is more reliance on electricity, gas, telecom, water, and sewer lines. To know what's below, call 811 before you dig.

Now, Therefore, I, Stan Booker, Mayor, City of Lawton, hereby the month of April 2022 as

Safe Digging Month

and encouraging excavators and homeowners throughout the country to always call 811 before digging. Safe digging is no accident.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, to be affixed hereto this 26th day of April 2022.

Stan Booker, Mayor